

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 April 20 2016 to 0600 April 21 2016



The California Army National Guard and CAL FIRE welcomed the Nevada Army National Guard and their UH-72A Lakota helicopter, to wildfire training in Sutter Creek, Amador County, April 15-17, 2016.



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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

Governor Jerry Brown Directs Nearly \$180 Million for Exide Plant Cleanup in Vernon

(ABC 7 News) Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Wednesday directing nearly \$180 million to test and clean up homes and businesses that may have been contaminated by lead near the former Exide Technologies plant in Vernon. The funding of \$176.6 million will clean some of the residences, schools, daycare centers and parks within 1.7 miles of the former battery recycling plant. "Children should be able to play in yards free from toxics," Brown said in a statement. "With this funding plan, we're doubling down on efforts to protect the community and hold Exide responsible." More than \$7 million has already been spent for testing and cleanup, including removal of 10,000 tons of lead-contaminated soil. The money has been borrowed from the Toxic Substances Control Account and the state's general fund. Democratic Senate leader Kevin de Leon of Los Angeles says the state will eventually seek to recover the cleanup costs from Exide and any other parties found to be responsible. Exide has already agreed to pay \$50 million for the cleanup of the 15-acre site and surrounding neighborhoods. A study released by the California Department of Public Health earlier this month found that children living near the now-closed plant had higher lead levels in their blood than those living farther away. The public health department analyzed blood lead levels from nearly 12,000 children under the age of 6 who were tested in 2012 - the last full year that the Vernon plant was operating. Around 3.6 percent of the children living within a mile of the plant had elevated lead levels and the percentage fell to around 2.4 percent for children living farther away, the study found.

International News – Significant Events

Three dead, dozens injured in blast at chemical plant in Mexico

(Reuters) A massive explosion rocked a major petrochemical facility of Mexican national oil company Pemex in the Gulf state of Veracruz on Wednesday, killing at least three people, injuring dozens more, and pumping a cloud of noxious chemicals into the sky. Luis Felipe Puente, head of federal emergency services, told Reuters that three people had died in the blast. Pemex confirmed that three of its workers had died, and said another 136 were injured, of which 88 were still in the hospital. The firm said the explosion, which sent a huge, dark plume of smoke billowing upwards, occurred just after 3 p.m. (2000 GMT) at the facility's chlorinate 3 plant near the port of Coatzacoalcos, one of the company's top oil export hubs. Local emergency officials said hundreds of people had been evacuated from the site. Television footage showed an initial burst of flames followed by a tower of thick smoke. A company official said local oil exports were unaffected. What caused the blast was unclear, but Pemex initially warned local residents to keep away from the site due to what it described as a dissipating cloud of toxic fumes. TV footage showed rain clouds gathering above the plant as evening fell. "The current situation at the plant... is under control and there is no risk to the population," Pemex said later in the evening on its official Twitter account. Petroquímica Mexicana de Vinilo, or PMV, a vinyl petrochemical plant that is a joint venture between Pemex's petrochemical unit and Mexican plastic pipe maker Mexichem (MEXCHEM.MX) was the facility hit by the blast. Operated by Mexichem, the plant lies within Pemex's larger Pajaritos petrochemical complex. Mexichem said in a statement the explosion occurred in an ethylene unit at the plant. The company could not be immediately reached for further comment. It also came as Pemex implements deep cost cuts to cope with the rout in oil prices, and seeks to stem a slide in output. Mexico is in the midst of a historic push to lure private investors to revive its oil industry.

SITUATION SUMMARY

SPILL: 16-2375, Santa Cruz County

- On 04/21/16 at 0347 hours the California State Warning Center (CSWC) received a report from the National Response Center (NRC) advising that a private citizen observed orange flashes of light off the coast near Cowell's Beach, Santa Cruz County.
- The CSWC made positive contact with the private citizen who stated that there was an unusual flare from a "vessel or platform" that they have not seen in the area before. The caller further advised that the source of the light was no longer visible as it was moving around the cliffs north of Cowell's Beach.
- The CSWC contacted the USCG who stated that they will investigate.
- Per the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) there are no offshore rigs in this area.
- The Santa Cruz County Warning Point (WP) stated that they received several calls of a possible explosion approximately 30 miles off the coast. They advised they were taking no action.
- The CSWC made all appropriate notifications per the Hazardous Materials SOP.

Los Coyotes Indian Reservation, San Diego County

As a result of rains and flash flooding on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation in San Diego County, Mission #2016-Southern-22320 was approved to address the community life safety needs, road repair, and other critical concerns in conjunction with FEMA, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Cal OES Southern Region, Cal OES Tribal Advisor, Caltrans Region XI, San Diego County OES, and Los Coyotes Tribal personnel.

- Caltrans installed five (8'x12') steel plates along with safety signage to provide temporary road stability and improved access over the Los Coyotes Reservation's only life line road.
- Stakeholders will continue to monitor the situation to provide long term solutions.
- Per the Cal OES Southern Duty Officer (SDO), conference calls addressing the long-term road repair solutions are on hold pending the findings of the BIA's Transportation Manager/Engineers site visit.
- The Cal OES Southern Region Tribal Point of Contact, Territory Representative, and SDO continue to monitor the incident.

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Weather of Concern

Northern California

- The recent warm spell will end after today, as low pressure moving into Northern California will bring cooler conditions Friday with gusty winds and increasing chances for rain showers and high elevation snow.
- Daytime temperatures will be about 20 degrees cooler by Friday, with highs mainly in the 50s-60s for lower elevations, and 40s near the Sierra including the Tahoe Basin.
- Rain and snow potential appears to favor the Sierra and northeast California, with lighter rain showers spreading into western Nevada.
- Snow levels could vary from 6000-8000 feet depending on the eventual storm track, but anyone planning travel over the Sierra on Friday, especially the higher passes.
- A few thunderstorms are also possible Friday afternoon and evening.

Southern California

- Low pressure passing to the north will bring cooling and gusty winds are possible following the passage of the low pressure system.
- Temperatures will rebound slightly over the weekend, but remain seasonable through the middle of next week.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Medford Weather:

A significant frontal system will arrive this evening and will bring an end to the generally dry weather over the past week. Models are generally trending towards higher-impact weather today through the weekend with thunderstorm chances becoming greater for this afternoon and evening as well as Friday. A very cold air mass is predicted to arrive Sunday. The first impact will be gusty south winds in the Shasta Valley along I-5 today.

Eureka Weather:

A low pressure trough will approach the area today. Cloudiness will increase and chances for showers will increase across the region tonight and Friday as a cold front moves across the region. Temperatures will gradually cool through Friday.

Reno Weather:

High pressure will keep warm and dry conditions in place through today with westerly afternoon breezes. Strong and gusty winds can be expected tonight into Friday as an area of low pressure moves into the west coast. This low will bring chances for rain and mountain snow Friday into the weekend with a slight chance for thunderstorms on Friday. This cooler, showery pattern looks to continue into next week.

San Francisco Weather:

A cooling trend will continue today and Friday as a trough off the coast increases onshore flow. A low pressure system will approach the coast tonight into Friday and bring increased chances for rain showers to the area. Dry weather conditions along with seasonably cool temperatures are then expected for the upcoming weekend and into next week.

Sacramento Weather:

Gradual cooling continues today. A weather system will bring a better chance of showers to much of Northern California tonight through Friday night.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Hanford Weather:

High pressure will continue to provide dry and unseasonably warm conditions today. A Pacific storm system will move in on Friday bringing a chance of precipitation, increased winds, and a little cooler than normal temperatures. A few mountain showers will be possible over the weekend, otherwise dry and breezy conditions with near normal temperatures will prevail.



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WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Los Angeles Weather:

Low pressure passing to the north will bring a cooling trend through the end of the week, along with an increase in low clouds and fog and a slight chance of rain north of Point Conception on Friday. Gusty winds are possible following the passage of the low pressure system. Temperatures will rebound slightly over the weekend, but remain seasonable through the middle of next week.

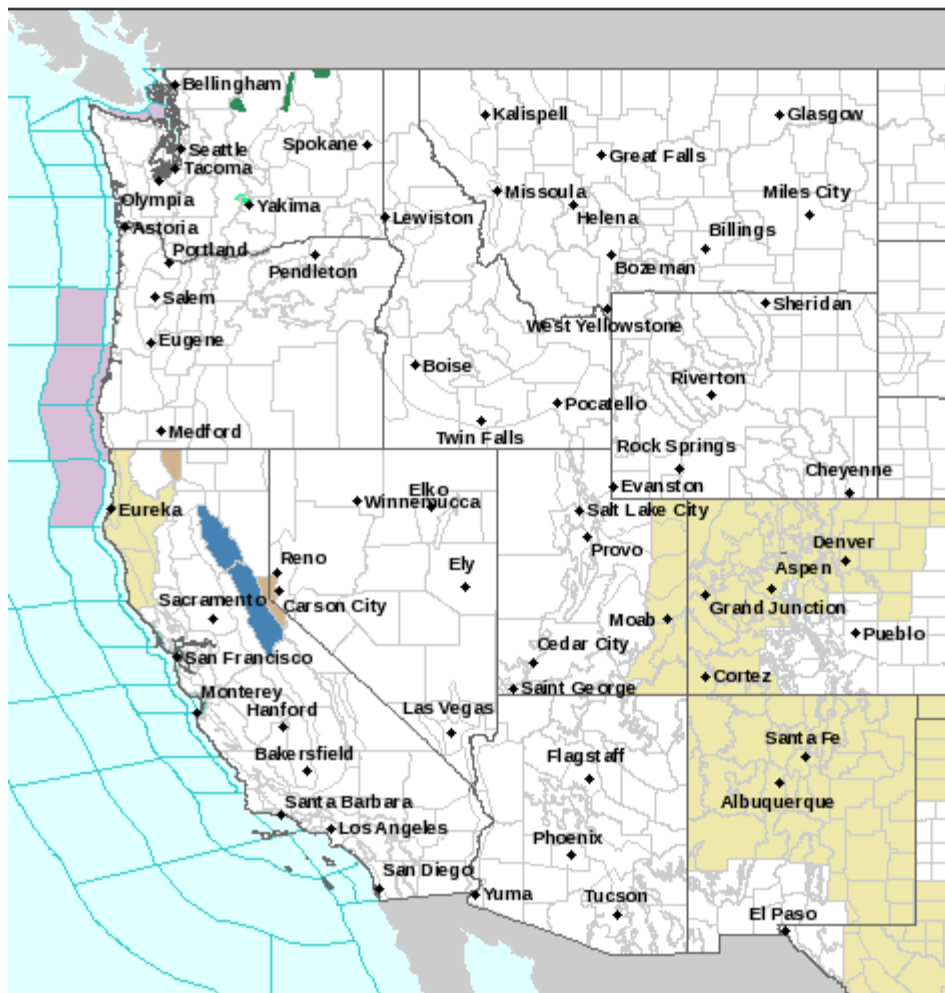
Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Fair and warm weather will continue today. A low pressure trough will move into California Friday. This will redevelop the marine layer and bring cooler weather that will last through the weekend. A few light showers are expected Friday night along with strong winds in the mountains and deserts. Another low pressure trough could bring showers Monday. Fair and seasonal weather are expected Tuesday and Wednesday.

Southeast California Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will continue to yield unseasonably warm temperatures to the region today and Friday. However a series of Pacific low pressure systems will bring cooler temperatures and breezy to windy conditions at times starting this weekend and continuing through next week. However the systems will be lacking moisture and thus precipitation chances will tend to be confined to northern and far eastern Arizona.

STATE WEATHER MAP



- Flood Advisory
- Small Craft Advisory
- For Hazardous Seas
- Small Craft Advisory
- For Winds
- Small Craft Advisory
- Lake Wind Advisory
- Wind Advisory
- Beach Hazards
- Statement
- Winter Storm Watch
- Flood Watch
- Hazardous Weather
- Outlook
- Short Term Forecast



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CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 60 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 26 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 12 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 10 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (Del Norte), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.